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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, today when women from across our Nation have gathered here at the Capitol to unite in prayer and support of the National Breast Cancer Survivors Day, we ask You for Your guidance and healing power. Guide the persistent efforts of those involved in research. You have guided the laps of the Race For a Cure thus far. We thank You for a cure in time for the women of our time. We salute the survivors of breast cancer. They call us on in the relentless quest for a cure.

As we begin this day's work in the Senate, we pray for those who suffer many kinds of physical disease and thank You for the opportunity to cooperate with You in Your healing ministry by supporting medical research. We commit this day to work for Your glory. You have given us the day; now show the way. In the name of the Great Physician.

Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from New Mexico, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I want to state the following:

Today the Senate will resume consideration of the budget resolution and the pending Coverdell amendment regarding middle-class tax cuts. Also, under a consent agreement, at 12 noon, the Senate will vote on or in relation

to the Kyl amendment relating to seniors having a choice of health care providers.

A further vote will occur at 2 p.m. in relation to the Conrad amendment relating to tobacco. In addition, several additional votes will, hopefully, be ordered to occur in sequence at 2 p.m. following the Conrad vote.

Also, Members can anticipate rollcall votes on a number of pending amendments to the resolution and other amendments which are expected to be offered. Therefore, Members can anticipate votes throughout today's session.

Also, the Senate may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for Senate action. As a reminder to all Senators, the first rollcall vote will occur at 12 noon today.

I yield the floor.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, AND 2003

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Under the previous order the Senate will now resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 86) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

The Senate resumed consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Pending:

Kyl amendment No. 2169, to express the sense of the Congress regarding freedom of health care choice for medicare seniors.

Conrad/Lautenberg/Bingaman/Reed amendment No. 2174, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects public health.

Conrad (for Moseley-Braun) amendment No. 2175, to express the sense of the Senate regarding elementary and secondary school modernization and construction.

Conrad (for Boxer) Modified amendment No. 2176, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate an initiative promoting after-school education and safety.

Brownback amendment No. 2177, to express the sense of the Senate regarding economic growth, Social Security, and Government efficiency.

Burns amendment No. 2178, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of agricultural trade programs to promote the export of United States agricultural commodities and products.

Smith (Oregon) amendment No. 2179, to express the sense of the Senate on Social Security taxes.

Smith (Oregon) amendment No. 2180, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Smith (Oregon) amendment No. 2181, to express the sense of the Senate concerning increases in the prices of tobacco products.

Kennedy amendment No. 2183, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the enactment of a patient's bill of rights.

Kennedy amendment No. 2184, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to support innovative education reform efforts in urban and rural school districts.

Kennedy amendment No. 2185, to express the sense of the Congress regarding additional budget authority for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Wellstone modified amendment No. 2186, to provide a reserve fund to pay for increased Pell Grants by reducing or eliminating corporate welfare tax expenditures.

Wellstone/Moynihan amendment No. 2187, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services evaluating the outcomes of welfare reform.

Wellstone Modified amendment No. 2188, to provide additional funds for medical care for veterans.

Thurmond amendment No. 2191, to clarify outlay levels for major functional categories.

Thurmond amendment No. 2192, to clarify outlay levels for national defense.

Lautenberg (for Hollings) amendment No. 2193, to provide a supermajority point of order against any change in the off-budget status of Social Security.

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